

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**(February 12, 2015)**

**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the person's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for these physicians.**

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

[Phillip D. Alscher, M.D.](#), a 52-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced nephrology in Mason City, Iowa, as well as outpatient renal dialysis clinics in Algona and Charles City, Iowa, and currently practices in Marshalltown, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 6, 2015. The Board alleges that Dr. Alscher failed to conform to the acceptable practice of medicine when he failed to perform, and improperly documented and billed for, numerous face-to-face visits for patients at the outpatient renal dialysis clinics in Algona and Charles City, Iowa, between 2006 and 2012. The Board issued Dr. Alscher a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. The Board also placed Dr. Alscher on probation for a period of three (3) years subject to Board monitoring.

[Scott J. Fasse, M.D.](#), a 60-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 6, 2015. On July 13, 2011, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Nebraska Board) disciplined Dr. Fasse for engaging in a pattern of negligent practice in his treatment of three patients between December 2004 and November 2005 when he: ordered repeated, unnecessary sinus and chest x-rays; prescribed excessive and improper antibiotic therapy; and failed to refer patients to an otolaryngologist for specialty care. The Nebraska Board issued Dr. Fasse a public censure, and ordered him to obtain a Board-approved practice monitor for a period of one year, successfully complete a comprehensive review course and pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. Dr. Fasse has fully complied with the requirements established by the Nebraska Board. Dr. Fasse's Iowa medical license has been inactive since January 1, 2003. On October 3, 2014, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Fasse with being disciplined by the Nebraska Board. Under the terms of the February 6, 2015, Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Fasse a Citation and Warning and he agreed to provide written notice to the Board at least ninety (90) days prior to seeking reinstatement of his Iowa medical license at which time he agrees to comply with any additional conditions ordered by the Board which are necessary to protect the public and ensure that he practices medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

[Jerome W. Janda, D.O.](#), a 69-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 6, 2015. The Board alleges that Dr. Janda failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, between 2008 and 2013. The Board issued Dr. Janda a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program and medical record keeping course. The Board also permanently prohibited Dr. Janda from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring, including prescription auditing.

**David H. Marcowitz, D.O.**, a 50-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced general medicine in Moline, Illinois, and currently practices in Chariton, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on February 6, 2015. On January 30, 2014, Dr. Marcowitz was disciplined by the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation (Illinois Board) for prescribing multiple controlled substances to a patient in Moline, Illinois, between 2008 and 2011, without properly assessing and/or monitoring the patient for drug abuse or dependence, despite learning that the patient and his pregnant girlfriend were injecting the drugs and that the patient was selling the drugs to local drug users, at least three of whom died; providing Phentermine, a weight loss drug, to members of his office staff without establishing an appropriate physician-patient relationship, including physical examinations and medical records; and failing to produce medical records subpoenaed by the Illinois Board during its investigation. The Illinois Board suspended Dr. Marcowitz' Illinois medical license for a period of thirty days and he agreed to place his Illinois medical license and his Illinois controlled substance license on inactive status. The Illinois Board also ordered Dr. Marcowitz to pay a \$3,000 fine. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Marcowitz with being disciplined by the Illinois Board. A hearing is scheduled on April 16, 2015.

**Gregory P. Neyman, M.D.**, a 43-year-old physician who currently practices general medicine and emergency medicine in Marengo, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 6, 2015. On April 4, 2013, Dr. Neyman entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Neyman with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct, dishonesty and disruptive behavior in the practice of medicine. The Board issued Dr. Neyman a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. The Board also placed Dr. Neyman on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to counseling and Board monitoring. Dr. Neyman completed a comprehensive sexual misconduct evaluation on May 16, 2014, and a sexual misconduct treatment program on July 11, 2014. Under the terms of the February 6, 2015, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board charged Dr. Neyman with engaging in sexual misconduct when he engaged in a consensual sexual relationship with a female patient in Marengo, Iowa, in 2011. The Board issued Dr. Neyman a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty. The Board placed Dr. Neyman on indefinite probation subject to counseling and Board monitoring. Dr. Neyman is also required to have a Board-approved female healthcare provider chaperone continually present when treating female patients.

**Fredric E. Sager, D.O.**, a 64-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Clive, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 6, 2015. The Board alleges that Dr. Sager engaged in a pattern of unethical or unprofessional conduct and/or disruptive behavior in Iowa when he: met socially with female obstetrical patients outside the clinical setting; treated a female obstetrical patient after hours at the clinic when no one else was present; prescribed controlled substances to a female obstetrical patient despite evidence of drug seeking behavior, including when she was pregnant; allowed female obstetrical patients to stay at his vacation home in Florida while he was present in the home; provided gifts and other items of value to female obstetrical patients; failed to maintain a timely medical record for a female obstetrical patient and asked a staff member to create a medical record for the patient after the visit; and yelled at, and/or made inappropriate or threatening statements, to nurses and co-workers on multiple occasions. On October 1, 2014, at the direction of the Board, Dr. Sager completed a Board-approved professional boundaries and/or sexual misconduct evaluation. Under the terms of the February 6, 2015, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Sager a Citation and

Warning and ordered him to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty. The Board also ordered him to transfer treatment of the female obstetrical patients discussed in the order to another provider for future care. The Board also ordered him to complete a Board-approved professional boundaries treatment program and continuing medical education in professional boundaries. The Board also prohibited Dr. Sager from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances to patients who exhibit drug seeking behavior, drug abuse or diversion. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to counseling and Board monitoring. Finally, Dr. Sager is required to have a Board-approved female healthcare professional chaperone continually present when treating female patients.

**When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.**

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